Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* In sub-division (e) it is stated "no public worship takes place". My question is whether the chapel is used for worship? I want an answer to my question.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* The Chapel I think is used for worship.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether there is any difference between public worship or private worship or other forms of worship?

Mr. President: That question is a matter of opinion.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether the Hon'ble Member has any idea as to what sort of worship is taking place there now?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Details are not known.

PADDY CULTIVATION—PAYMENT OF WAGES IN KIND

282. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Grain Purchasing Tahsildar of Talappalli has been ordered not to allow cultivators of paddy to pay wages in kind to labourers in the western half of the Taluk;

(*b*) whether the same Tahsildar is allowing wages to be gievn in kind in the eastern half of the Taluk;

(*c*) if so, why?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

a) No.

(*b*) and (*c*) Sufficient paddy for payment of wages in kind is allowed to paddy cultivators in accordance with the customary practice in each locality.

DISTRIBUTION OF RATION IN PADDY

283. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they considered about the distribution of paddy instead of rice to the ration card-holders in the State; if so, what was the result of the consideration;

(*b*) whether enquiries were made to know whether the card-holders prefer paddy to rice?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

(*a*) Yes.

It was not found feasible.

(*b*) Government are well aware that some card-holders would prefer to draw their ration in paddy and Government regret that in this matter it is not possible to meet their wishes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* May I know, Sir, what exactly is the difficulty for giving paddy instead of rice?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* The difficulties have been explained at length before this House in this Session itself in the Vrischigam Meeting and also in the Administration Report of the Department for the year 1118. It may not be necessary to add anything to these.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* May I know whether the decision arrived at is the result of a mere conjecture or it was formed after elaborate enquiries, and if so what sort of enquiries was made?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* It is from enquiries that the Government came to know that some prefer to have their ration in paddy and some prefer to have it in rice.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* What is the objection in trying the experiment in some of the shops keeping paddy and keeping rice to know which the people prefer?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* All these difficulties have already been explained.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Do you import any paddy?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Very rarely.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* The only paddy we have is locally obtained.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether the difficulty of the Government in accepting this proposition of distribution of paddy to card-holders is one of convenience to stock paddy and rice in the same shop?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* There are several difficulties which I have already explained to the House on previous occasions.

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